

CERTIFICATE OF COUNTY CANVASSING BOARD MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

We, the undersigned, ANDREW S. HAGUE, County Judge, Substitute Member/Chairperson, PENELOPE TOWNSLEY, Supervisor of Elections, Member, CARLOS GUZMAN, County Judge, Alternate Member, constituting the Board of County Canvassers in and for said County, do hereby certify that we met on the Fourteenth day of November, 2014 A.D., and proceeded publicly to canvass the votes given for the charter amendments herein specified at the **Town of Surfside Special Election** held on the Fourth day of November, 2014 A.D., as shown by the returns on file in the office of the Supervisor of Elections. We do hereby certify from said returns as follows:

Qualifications for Office

Shall Charter Section 6 be amended to:

- Delete requirement that members of Town Commission be at least 21 years old, thereby requiring members to be registered voters at least 18 years old consistent with Charter requirement that members be "qualified electors";
- Require that Commission members be Town residents for at least one year immediately preceding qualifying for elected office instead of one year prior to registering to vote; and
- Delete language regarding dual-office holding?

YES 619 Votes

NO 770 Votes

Vacancies on Commission

Shall Charter language governing "Vacancies on Commission" be amended to:

- Clarify when vacancies occur and establish process for filling vacancies;
- Conform related election dates;
- Expand definition of "vacancy" to include when Commission seats remain unfilled after qualifying ends; and
- Grant Commission "good cause" power excusing Commission member's failure to attend meetings resulting in possible vacancy?

YES 853 Votes

NO 405 Votes

Vacancy in Candidacy

Per Charter Section 105(8), if more than five candidates qualify but said number is reduced before election date, election is postponed and supplemental qualifying occurs.

Shall the Charter be amended to delete this Section and establish a revised supplemental qualifying process for vacancy in candidacy due to death, withdrawal or removal from ballot of candidates, said process including term commencement and Vice Mayor selection, and establish conditions for candidate(s) election by operation of law?

YES 766 Votes

NO 456 Votes

Canvassing Board

Shall Charter Section 108 governing canvassing of election returns by the Town's Canvassing Board be deleted from the Town Charter and incorporated into Town Code Chapter 26 governing "Elections"?

YES 581 Votes

NO 558 Votes

Qualifying for Elected Office

Shall Charter language governing "Qualifying" (i.e., becoming a candidate) for elected office be amended to change time period for filing a qualifying petition from 55-35 days before election to 65-45 days before election while retaining Citizens' rights to obtain signatures on petition prior to said time period, clarify related filing requirements, and clarify procedure related to determination of petition's sufficiency?

YES 752 Votes

NO 477 Votes

Establishing Elected Officials' Staggered Terms and Increasing Town Commissioners' Terms from Two to Four Years

The Charter establishes two year, unstaggered terms for the Mayor and Town Commissioners.

Shall the Charter be amended to provide that commencing with Town's General Election in 2016, terms of Town Commissioners shall be increased from two years to four years while retaining Mayor's two year term, all Commission members' terms shall be staggered, Vice-Mayor selection shall be by Commission, and related provisions regarding Runoff Election shall be conformed to reflect staggered terms?

YES 473 Votes

NO 822 Votes

Runoff Election

Charter Section 105(5) requires a Runoff Election if General Election results in a tie vote between candidates for Town's fifth Commission seat.

Shall the Charter be amended to clarify requirement for Runoff Election when a tie vote occurs for any Commission seat (not only the fifth Commission seat) wherein candidates receiving tie votes have not received highest number of votes for purposes of election, and establish process for determination of Runoff Election outcome?

YES 895 Votes

NO 360 Votes



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